P.O. Box 670 10024 U.S. Highway 12 Randle, Washington 98377

> Reply to: 2430 Date: 06/21/2016

Dear Prospective Bidder:

On 07/21/2016, at 10:00 AM, initial bids for Oral Auction will be opened in the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, 10024 U.S. Highway 12, Randle, WA 98377 for the Berry Thin sale. This sale is located in T. 14 N., R. 7 E., Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 15, and 23, W.M., Surveyed, Lewis County, Washington. Timber sale Contract 2400-6T will be used. The termination date for this sale is 12/31/2022.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 17,548 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure							Required Deposits	
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Douglas-fir	Sawtimber	CCF	8,800.00	N/A	\$39.67	\$3.00	\$0.65	\$9.62
Western Hemlock and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	CCF	8,169.00	N/A	\$24.00	\$3.00	\$0.65	\$9.62
Only the Fixed Rate Applies								
All Species	Grn Bio Cv	CCF	579.00	N/A	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.65	\$9.62
	Total	CCF	17,548.00				\$11,406.20	\$168,811.76

The minimum acceptable weighted average bid rate is \$32.13 per CCF.

There is a \$54,600.00 bid guarantee required on this sale.

If you wish further information on this sale, the prospectus and bid form, please write or call the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, 10024 US Highway 12, Randle, WA 98377 or visit the Forest webpage at http://www.fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot/.

Sincerely,

Gar Abbas District Ranger

Enclosure